## REMARKS

Claims 1-9 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, claims 10 and 11 are pending.

Examination is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

John R. Mattingly Registration No. 30,293

Attorney for Applicant(s)

MATTINGLY, STANGER & MALUR 1800 Diagonal Rd., Suite 370 Alexandria, Virginia 22314 (703) 684-1120

Date: January 5, 2004